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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants are enclosing copies of several documents which may be material to examination of the present application.

More specifically, Applicant is submitting a copy of a PCT Search Report (PCT/ISA/220 and 210), which was issued by

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the European Patent Office (EPO) in a corresponding PCT application. The PCT Search Report cites four documents, and a copy of each is enclosed. Applicants do not have an English translation of French-language European reference numbers 0,977,275 and 0,971,219. but the enclosed PCT Search Report identifies the relevance which was assigned to each of these documents by the International Searching Authority (ISA). In addition, Applicants are enclosing copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,320,189 and 6,316,770, which are English-language counterparts of European reference numbers 0,977,275 and 0,971,219, respectively. Each of the enclosed documents is listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with an RCE transmittal, and thus prior to receipt of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due under 37 CFR \$1.97 for filing of this IDS.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed documents be considered when the present application is taken

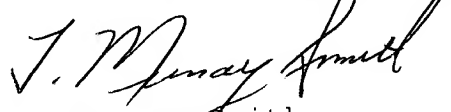
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up for examination. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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